

IC 31-33-6

Chapter 6. Immunity of Persons Who Report Child Abuse or Neglect

IC 31-33-6-1

Immunity from civil or criminal liability

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, a person, other than a person accused of child abuse or neglect, who:

- (1) makes or causes to be made a report of a child who may be a victim of child abuse or neglect;
- (2) is a health care provider and detains a child for purposes of causing photographs, x-rays, or a physical medical examination to be made under IC 31-33-10;
- (3) makes any other report of a child who may be a victim of child abuse and neglect; or
- (4) participates in any judicial proceeding or other proceeding:
 - (A) resulting from a report that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect; or
 - (B) relating to the subject matter of the report;

is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be imposed because of such actions.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.

IC 31-33-6-2

Exception for malice or bad faith

Sec. 2. Immunity does not attach for a person who has acted maliciously or in bad faith.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.

IC 31-33-6-3

Presumption of good faith

Sec. 3. A person making a report that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect or assisting in any requirement of this article is presumed to have acted in good faith.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.16.